Transfer of Tin Bigha to Bangladesh

4631. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that as per assurances given by the Union Government and the West Bengal State Government the exchange of enclaves between India and Bangladesh was to be taken up within thirty days of transfer of Tin Bigha Corridor to Bangladesh in June 1992 ;

(b) whether the exchange of enclaves between Indian and Bangladesh has taken place after the transfer of Tin Bigha Corridor to Bangladesh;

(c) if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor and the reaction of Bangladesh Government in this regard; and

(d) what is the annual expenditure to guard the Tin Bigha Corridor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) So far as the details of part (b), i.e. the exchange of enclaves are concerned, the question does not arise.

As the issue of the exchange of enclaves is linked with the complete demarcation of the Indo-Bangladesh land boundary, it continues to be the subject of discussions between the two Governments.

(d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Proposals to Pakistan for Resolving Disputes

4632. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether govenrent have sent any proposals recently to Pakistan for the solution of the disputes between the two countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government have received any comments/reaction from Pakistan on the said proposals; and

(c) if so, the details thereof stating the steps contemplated by Government in case Pakistan keeps negative view with India's proposals ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) On 21 March, 1994 Government reiterated to the Govenrment of Pakistan its readiness to resolve all outstanding issues pertaining to its bilateral relations with Pakistan peacefully and through bilateral negotiations as envisaged under the Simla Agreement. Government conveyed that the six Indian proposals transmitted to Pakistan on January 24, 1994 can form the basis of a comprehensive and meaningful dialogue. Government proposed that, accordingly, the Eighth Round of Foreign Secretary-level talks may be scheduled either in New Delhi or in Islamabad.

(b) and (c) Pakistan has yet to convey its response to our proposal. Government have and would continue to urge Pakistan to abandon its negative approach and join in sincere endeavours to address all outstanding issues through a comprehensive and meaningful bilateral dialogue, within the framework of the Simla Agreement, in the interest of good-neighbourly relations.

Replacement of Old Passports

4633. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Passport Offices in the country have recently introduced tamper proof passports which are difficult to forge;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether all the passport offices in the country are issuing such possports;

(d) what steps Government have taken to issue tamper proof passports in lieu of old passports ; and

(e) whether any deadline has been fixed to get old passports replaced with new passports; if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) More Secured Passport booklets were introduced in India in August 1990. These booklets have various security features including use of heat activated ultraviolet film.

(c) Yet, Sir.

(d) and (e) All applications for additional booklets and new passports are serviced by more secured passport booklets.

British Map about India

4634. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been brought to the attention of Government that "BARTHOLOMEW" a British Map Publishing House, has printed maps of Inda without showing Kashmir as a part of India;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra has referred this issue to the Minstry for taking up with the British authorities; and

(c) if so, what is the resultant action and if no action has been taken the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SRRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Government's Reaction on US Measures against Korea

4635. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :
SHRI GAYA SINGH :

Will the Mnister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pelased to state :

(a) whether Govenrment's attention has been drawn to the US warlike measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Government has seen reports of recent developments relating to the DPRK nuclear issue which have given rise to increase in tension in North East Asia.

(b) Government is of the view that differences of the issue should be resolved peacefully through patient negotiations.

विदेश स्थित भारतीय दूतावासों को पुस्तकों की आपूर्ति

4636. **मौहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल :**

क्या **विदेश** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि

(क) क्या मंत्रालय विदेश स्थित भारतीय दूतावासों के पुस्तकालयों को पुस्तकों की आपूर्ति करता है;

(ख) 1992–93 के दौरान किन–किन भाषाओं की पुस्तकें खरीदी गयीं और उनके नाम क्या है; और

(ग) इन पुस्तकों के चयन हेतु क्या प्रक्रिया अपनायी जाती है और उन पर कुल कितनी राशि खर्च की जाती है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० भाटिया) :

(क) जी हां।

(ख) 1992–93 में खरीदी गई अधिकांश पुस्तकें अंग्रेजी भाषा की थी तथापि, अन्य भाषाओं की भी कुछ पुस्तकें खरीदी गई जैसे हिन्दी, स्पेनी, चीनी और उर्दू। 1992-93 में खरीदी गई पुस्तकों की सूचियां अनुपत्र के रूप में संलग्न हैं **(देखिए परिशिष्ट 170 अनुपत्र सं 90)**

(ग) हिंदी तथा अंग्रेजी की पुस्तकें विदेश स्थित भारतीय मिशनों के पुस्तकालयों के लिए खरीदी जाती हैं। अन्य भारतीय भाषाओं की पुस्तकें तथा कभी–कभी विदेशी भाषाओं की पुस्तकें मिशनों से विशेष अनुरोध प्राप्त होने पर खरीदी जाती हैं। लेखक तथा प्रकाशक भी अपनी पुस्तकों की खरीद के